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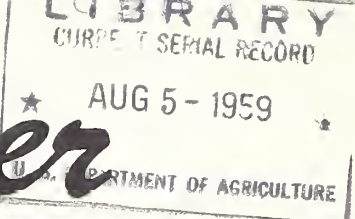
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# Newsletter



GRADUATE SCHOOL ★ USDA

July 31, 1959

To the Faculty, Committee Members and  
others associated with the Graduate School:

**FACULTY SALARIES RAISED.** At the quarterly meeting of the General Administration Board, July 30, an increase of 10 percent in faculty salaries was approved for the coming year. The new pay scale is reflected in the contracts being mailed to you.

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**OUR ANNUAL DINNER** will be held on Thursday, September 10 in the ballroom of the National Press Club. Our speaker will be Dr. Chauncey D. Leake, Assistant Dean of the College of Medicine and Professor of Pharmacology, Ohio State University. Hold the date.

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**HOW WE'VE GROWN!** At our recent luncheon for training officers, O. V. Wells of the General Administration Board recalled that in 1929, when he enrolled for his first course in the Graduate School, the records of registrations could be held in one file box of 3 x 5 inch cards. Last year more than 7000 punch cards were required to record our registrations.

Mr. Wells divides the growth of the School into three periods--from 1921 to 1941 when it was largely a service agency for the Department of Agriculture; the War years when agencies throughout Government turned to the School for help in meeting the pressure for trained workers; and post-war.

Ernest C. Betts, another member of the Board who spoke briefly at the luncheon, noted that the prospects for continued growth are bright. The Federal Training Act has given Government agencies a new charter for training employees.

Another measure of the School's growth comes from Dwight L. Myers, who, this year, rounds out 25 years as treasurer. When W. A. Jump, his boss, asked Mr. Myers to assume responsibility for the School's fiscal affairs in 1934, receipts and expenses balanced at \$50,000. Our current budget of \$250,000 a year represents an increase of 500 percent.

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NEW COURSES among more than 300 listed in the 1959-60 catalog by Departments are:

In Biological Sciences - Basic Principles of Laboratory Animal Care; Plant Science for Gardeners; Workshop in Nature Study Teaching Techniques.

In Languages and Literature - Increasing Learning Efficiency; Documentation; Contemporary French Literature and Theatre; Reading Scientific Spanish.

In Mathematics and Statistics - Theory of Errors; Queuing Theory; Data Processing on Electronic Computers (1) UNIVAC 1103A and 1105; (2) UNIVAC 11; (3) UNIVAC file computer.

In Physical Sciences - Space Science and Technology; Historical Geology; Principles of Underwater Sound.

In Public Administration - Staff Function of Management Analysis; Advanced Government Construction Administration.

In Social Sciences - Family Finance; Appraising Individual Vocational Aptitude; Personality Growth and Development; Readings and Papers in Human Relations; Law and Government Behind the Iron Curtain.

In Technology - Jet Turbo Prop and Rocket Power Plants; Physical Metallurgy for Engineers; Soil Mechanics; Engineering Reliability; Location and Design of Rural Highways; Highway Location and Design in Urban Areas; Economy of Highway Improvements; Principles of Hydrography; Survey of Lithography; Offset Photography; and Lithographic Estimating.

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URGENT TRAINING NEEDS from the viewpoint of high level officials were discussed at a luncheon arranged by Administrative Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Ralph S. Roberts.

Our guests were Carl W. Clewlow (Army); James P. Goode (Air Force) William F. Finan (Bureau of the Budget); Rufus E. Miles (Health, Education and Welfare); William W. Parsons (Treasury) and Nicholas Oganovic (Civil Service Commission).

Among their suggestions for courses to meet their needs were:

- (1) an appreciation course in data processing for federal executives;
- (2) a course in supervision and management for specialists newly assigned to division and branch chief positions;
- (3) a special forum in comparative administration;
- (4) an inter-agency indoctrination course for employees assigned overseas;
- (5) more astronomy courses designed especially for employees in the agencies concerned with the exploration of outer space;
- (6) training of a broadening nature for management analysts.

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SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS, who may be in your classes next year--listed by their agencies--are:

Agriculture - Robert M. Bender, Joseph R. Corley, Charles Crossed, Jr., Claude C. Vest, Kenneth L. Murray, Doris C. Manuel, Robert C. McDuffie;

Defense - Marjorie B. Christian, Eddie M. Bryant, Michael C. Kenney, Jr., Kenneth W. Downing, Katherine S. Tate, Loretta J. Wright, and Dolores Thompson;

Civil Service Commission - Shirley E. Wynne;

Commerce - David C. Koch, Frank S. Lane, Jr., John Liptock;

Health, Education and Welfare - Marcella Fludd, Barbara J. Payne, Louis A. Leonard, and Ernest M. Miner, Jr.;

Housing and Home Finance Agency - Jeanette Foreman, Robert M. Litke;

State - Frank M. Williams;

Treasury - Horace E. Howerton, Jr., Roger L. Batts;

Veterans Administration - William E. Radford, Barbara A. Grieb;

In addition to the 21 men and 11 women named, three scholarships were reserved for the Department of Interior to meet the special nature of its training program.

All of the scholarship students are high school graduates. Eleven of them hold a bachelor's degree. All except four are under 30. Their Civil Service grades range from GS-3 to GS-9. Our thanks to the committee that selected them - Frank S. Caracciolo, Chairman, Jack C. Kern, Benjamin J. Ludwig, and Ethel W. Morgan.

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THE CHANGING WORLD OF ADULT EDUCATION was discussed at our final faculty luncheon of the 1958-59 school year. Some quotes:

"The goals of adult education have shifted. A major concern now is to develop civic leadership." Gladys Wiggin, University of Maryland.

"But remember there are still nearly 2 million adults who have never been to school and 10 million functionally illiterate. Our society is inhospitable to the under educated." Ambrose Caliver, U. S. Office of Education.

"Education by television will be extended to a wide variety of courses offered for credit and non-credit." Dean Grover Angel, George Washington University.

"Our staff has taken a leaf from the county agent's notebook in organizing residents in the Adams-Morgan project of urban renewal." Dean Richard Bray, American University.

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#### ABOUT OURSELVES

If you haven't seen the story of the U. S. Forest Service in the July 20 issue of TIME, we suggest you read it. It carries a picture of Board member R. E. McArdle, along with some full-page pictures in color of our national forests.

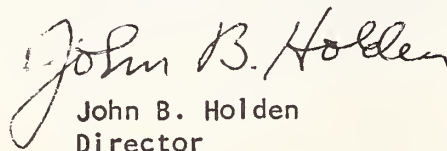
A distinguished visitor to the Graduate School, July 6, was Harald J. Loback, Norway's Minister of Agriculture. His principal secretary, Mrs. H. Folkestad Borke, accompanied him. Ed Fulker, who served as host in my absence, tells me the Minister was particularly impressed by the wide range of courses offered, and by the fact that most of our students pay their own way.

New job for Nora Walker is that of staff assistant at the new Center for Applied Linguistics.

Garnet W. Jex made the pictures for "The Bulldozer and the Rose" an illustrated lecture on the destruction and reconstruction of Southwest Washington reported in The Rambler's column in THE EVENING STAR, June 22, 1959.

Richard S. Fitzpatrick received a Ph.D. from American University at the June commencement program. Perhaps you saw the story about Dr. Fitzpatrick, a muscular dystrophy victim since the age of four, in the SUNDAY STAR, June 7. It noted he has been teaching psychology in the Graduate School since 1947.

Sincerely,

  
John B. Holden  
Director